



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 483***

LCO No. 2381



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING OPIOID INTERVENTION COURTS IN THE STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Chief Court Administrator  
2      or his or her designee, in consultation with the Chief Public Defender,  
3      Chief State's Attorney and the dean of The University of Connecticut  
4      School of Law, or their respective designees, shall study the feasibility  
5      of establishing one or more courts that specialize in the hearing of  
6      criminal or juvenile matters in which a defendant is a opioid-  
7      dependent person, who could benefit from intensive court monitoring  
8      and placement in a substance abuse treatment program.
- 9      (b) The study shall include an examination of: (1) The testing of  
10     certain arrestees for opioid use and the timing of such testing, (2)  
11     innovative and different treatment placement options for opioid-  
12     dependent arrestees, (3) the development of a rapid integration team  
13     of individuals who focus on meeting the treatment needs of opioid-  
14     dependent arrestees, (4) the development of judicial processes that  
15     include daily court monitoring of opioid-dependent arrestees, and (5)

16 the use of curfews and electronic-monitoring tools as means of  
17 facilitating success completion of a substance abuse treatment  
18 program.

19 (c) The Chief Court Administrator, or his or her designee, shall  
20 report on the results of such study, in accordance with the provisions  
21 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, not later than January 1, 2019.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Chief Court Administrator, in consultation with the Chief Public Defender, Chief State's Attorney and the dean of The University of Connecticut School of Law, to study the feasibility of establishing one or more opioid intervention courts in the state.

***[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]***